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Regional Storm Sets Back Spring



ERNEST & CHARLOTTE ROY of Suffield were leisurely preparing for spring, trimming hedges around their home at 590 North Main Street last Monday.



THE NEXT DAY, Tuesday, this gent had to snowblow his driveway in order to reach his automobile.

PHOTOS BY JOHN LOFTUS



POWDER MILL POWERHOUSES Tom Barthelette, left, and Barry St. Peter, batting, swing away, disregarding cool spring weather.

New England weather, noted for its unpredictability, put area residents back in the throes of winter and battling the elements only days before the Easter holiday. On Tuesday morning, April 6th, townsfolk arose to find their budding flowers blanketed with snow, and by early afternoon, they were fighting their way home through a blinding snowstorm.

Three days after Storm Olaf swept through New England, local highway crews, who have been working almost non-stop since the beginning of the storm, are still battling blustery winds and drifting snow in an effort to keep roads passable.

"We were lucky," said Southwick Police Department dispatcher Carol Diamond. "There were no major emergencies or power outages during the storm, but there were disabled vehicles all over the place."

Southwick Police Chief Charles Wolfe noted that three of his men used their own four-wheel drive vehicles and aided in pulling cars out of the snow. He added, "We had all of our snow machinery ready to roll to deliver medicine and for other medical emergencies."

Wolfe recalled that one Westfield man whose car was stuck on Point Grove Road wandered into the police station and announced he "would like to stay at this inn." Department personnel obliged him for the night.

Suffield Police Chief Murray Phelps reported that forty to fifty abandoned cars were towed to the rear of the town's Highway Department headquarters, but that no major accidents occurred.

Fire Chief Thomas Bellmore indicated that no fires had occurred during the storm, but that stations were opened to accommodate stranded motorists.

Deborah Pohanka, director of Emergency Medical Services in Suffield, said that storm procedures established in the last blizzard in 1978 were implemented during Storm Olaf.

"Emergency medical technicians along with volunteers who own four-wheel drive vehicles live in every part of town. Whoever lives closest to the ambulance drives that vehicle, and the EMT who lives nearest an individual in need of assistance gives aid as soon as possible," she explained.

Commuters had special problems throughout the storm, as evidenced by Chet McComb of Suffield, who spent 5½ hours returning from his job at Suburban Propane in Windsor Locks. McComb, who has directed Little League baseball in town for thirty years, wryly noted that tryouts would have to be postponed for a while.

Town offices and schools closed in both towns, and numerous meetings were cancelled or postponed. According to personnel in the office of Suffield Superintendent of Schools Sidney DuPont, the closing date of school for the year has now been set at June 28th in order to make up for snow days.



AFTER OLAF STRUCK, these young men swung shovels in full view of the waiting basketball hoop.

Election Set For Tuesday

Residents Hear Local Candidates

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: About forty persons listened to eleven local candidates for election at special meeting held on April 1. Twenty-four persons are seeking positions for sixteen town offices.

Also present at the meeting were Ruth Connor, candidate for state representative from the Third Hampden District, and Mike Julian, candidate for the state senate for the Second Hampden-Hampshire District.

Attorney Alan Ferrigno, the only candidate for selectman present, stressed the need for intelligent decision-making in town spending and the "need to commit municipal employees to absolute loyalty to the town in order to live under the 2½ cap."

Selectman candidates John Viel and Linda Fortier submitted statements which were read to the audience. Viel noted his experience as selectman for the past year, work he had done consolidating the highway and water departments, and his belief that Proposition 2½ can work in town. Ms. Fortier, a write-in candidate, favors formation of a DPW and cleaning up of Congamond Lakes, according to her statement.

In the race for the three-year School Committee seat, Edward Pepe was the sole candidate to present his views. A volunteer fireman for nine years, Pepe sees his experience as a working planning engineer as practical in deciding policy on school maintenance and repair.

Incumbents Priscilla Deveno and Thomas Farrazano were not present to make statements. Mrs. Deveno, who was attending a school union meeting, arrived too late to make a formal statement, but spoke informally with local citizens over refreshments. Farrazano was out of town.

Two candidates, Diane Zink and Jeffrey Rogers, are vying for the two-year School Committee post. Mrs. Zink cited her past experience as an educator and her

present experience as a mother. Rogers listed his business background as helpful in budget preparation.

Emily Susan Brzoska, Board of Health incumbent for a one-year term, cited her education in biology, experiences in disease control and immunization projects, and experience on the Board of Health as qualifications for re-election. Opposing candidate Mary Sullivan was not present.

Assessors Clovis Goyette and Charles Arnold, both running unopposed for re-election, noted their desire to continue with the board to complete the reassessment and live under it a few years. "Once the bugs are ironed out," said Arnold, "we will present the town with a very stable tax base."

Also meeting with voters were Theodore Dernago, candidate for a one-year term on the Planning Board, and Paul Carpenter, incumbent candidate for the Cemetery Commission. Both are running unopposed.

On the April 13th ballot, voters will be asked to approve or reject a question concerning "post-2½ debt service for roofing and energy conservation measures."

An affirmative vote on the question will allow town officials to present a detailed request to Town Meeting for final approval. Officials estimate \$1 million bond to cover costs of roofs for school and town buildings and energy conservation measures for the schools. A \$1 million bond would cost taxpayers an estimated \$2 per thousand on their tax bills. Voters may accept or reject the proposal at Town Meeting. An affirmative vote on the ballot does not obligate the town to a bond issue.

A negative vote on the ballot question will mean that funds for major roof repair will not be included in the fiscal 1983 budget.

Slate Of Candidates
For Southwick

SELECTMAN for three years (select one)
John Viel Jr., (R-incumbent); Alan L. Ferrigno (D); Linda Fortier (write-in).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for three years (select two)
Priscilla Deveno, (D-incumbent); Thomas Farrazano, (D-incumbent); Edward Pepe (R).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for two years (select one)
Diane S. Zink, (D); Jeffrey Rogers (write-in).

PLANNING BOARD for five years, (select one)
James Franklin, (R-incumbent); William A. Brown, (D).

BOARD OF HEALTH for one year (select one)
Emily Susan Brzoska, (Ind.-incumbent); Mary Sullivan, (write-in).

HOUSING AUTHORITY for five years (select one)
Gerald Celley, (R-incumbent); Norman Crowley (D).

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for three years (select one)
Marguerite Dern, (R); Carole Rahaim, (D).

UNCONTESTED Races are:

ASSESSORS for three years (select two)
Clovis G. Goyette Jr., (D-incumbent); Charles M. Arnold Jr., (R-incumbent).

CEMETERY COMMISSION for three years (select one)
Paul L. Carpenter, (R-incumbent).

DICKINSON SCHOOL TRUSTEE for three years (select one)
Elbert G. Hollister, (D-incumbent).

WATER COMMISSION for three years (select one)
Donald E. Spencer (R-incumbent).

WATER COMMISSION for one year to fill vacancy
Warren Baker, (D-incumbent).

PLANNING BOARD for one year to fill vacancy
Theodore Dernago, (D).

BOARD OF HEALTH for three years (select one)
Heydon Moore, (R-incumbent).

Election Day Food Sale

The Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of Southwick, Inc., will hold an election day food sale Tuesday, April 13 at Powder Mill School beginning at 10 a.m.

All types of baked goods will be on sale.

The committee in charge are Terry Burdick and Ruth Waterman, co-chairwomen. Assisting are Ernestine Machesney, Kathleen Fountain, Louise Haire, Elizabeth Davis and Kristin Paules.

Any townspeople willing to bake for this sale should contact any member of the committee as soon as possible. The money realized from the food sales will be put toward scholarships.

Selectmen Set Town Meeting

Selectmen here have scheduled a special town meeting for Tuesday, May 4 at Powder Mill School. The meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

The board will ask the town to transfer \$5,000 from the Veterans' Benefit Account to the fire department account for purchase of a rescue truck.

Town meeting has already approved the purchase of the vehicle but the original bid included the trade-in of the present rescue truck.

The school department is in need of a new van and officials decided to adapt the fire department vehicle for school use rather than trade it in.

Southwick Planners Slate
Public Hearing On Complex

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing Thursday, April 22 concerning the application of Clark Rainey to construct a 50-unit apartment complex off Power Mill Road.

Rainey asked for an extension of the original permit issued in October, 1980.

He plans to construct low to moderate rent apartments on the 16 acre tract in the R 20 A Zone.

Political Advertisement

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The Republican Town Committee of Southwick presents these well qualified candidates for public office in the election to be held Tuesday, April 13th, in this town at Powder Mill School from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.:



JOHN H. VIEL

Candidate for re-election to the Board of Selectmen for a three year term. He has lived in Southwick for 40 years. He served on the Conservation Commission for 9 years, 6 years as chairman before being elected to the Board of Selectmen where he has done an outstanding job. We believe he should be re-elected to this important position.



EDWARD L. PEPE

Candidate for a three year term on the School Committee. He has lived in Southwick ten years, is married and has two children. He is a lieutenant in the Southwick Volunteer Fire Department. His interest in town government and children in school should make him a valuable addition to the School Committee. We urge you to vote for him in the April 13 election.



CHARLES M. ARNOLD, JR.

Candidate for re-election to the Board of Assessors for a three year term. Having been an Assessor for twenty years he has seen many changes take place. Faced with the challenge of the re-evaluation, it is important that he stay on to see this program brought to a successful conclusion.



JAMES E. FRANKLIN

Candidate for re-election to the Planning Board for a term of five years. He has served this board well and has been chairman for the past two years. His thirteen years experience in civil engineering, land surveying, eight years in municipal engineering, has been an asset to the Planning Board. He is a Registered Land Surveyor and Nationally Certified Senior Engineering Technician. He deserves to be re-elected to this important Board.



MARGUERITE DERN

Candidate for a three year term on the Board of Library Trustees. She has been a volunteer two afternoons a week for nearly a year at the library. This should give her a good working knowledge of the operation of the library. With this background she should be a valuable asset to the Board of Trustees.



DONALD SPENCER

Candidate for re-election to a three year term as a Water Commissioner. He has served for many years on the Water Commission and served as chairman. With the importance of water in the future growth of Southwick we urge to vote for him on April 13.



PAUL L. CARPENTER

Candidate for re-election to the Cemetery Commission. Three years on the Cemetery Commission has given him valuable experience through faithful attendance at meetings to check records and maps, many trips to the cemetery to check the work of the part-time hired help, sell lots, help layout new sections, inventory equipment and to cut brush.



HEYDON A. MOORE

Candidate for election to the Health Board for a term of three years. He was a former United States Navy Hospital Corpsman. Part of his training was the inspection of hospitals, dining establishments and clubs. These qualifications would serve him well in this position.



GERALD E. CELLEY

Candidate for re-election for a five year term for the Housing Authority. He has held many positions in town government and has served for the past eight years on the Housing Authority. With this background he deserves to be re-elected.



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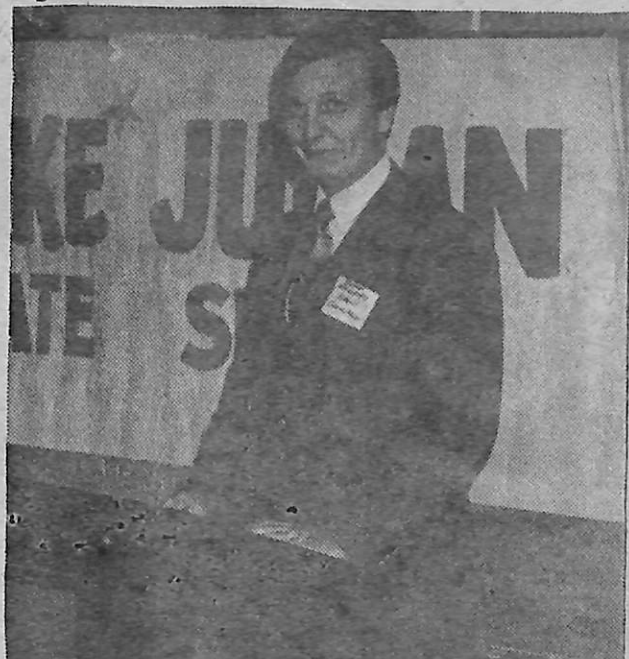
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JEFFREY ROGERS

Rogers Is Candidate For School Committee

In announcing his candidacy for the two-year vacant seat on the Southwick School Committee, Jeffrey Rogers says, "I made my decision to run because each year the school budget has been substantially increased. Then they tell us they still don't have enough money to operate the schools. Yet the Town of Southwick has the second largest school budget in the State of Massachusetts for towns under 10,000 population."

He continues, "Why haven't we been able to maintain our schools properly? Instead we have let them deteriorate because the money appropriated to maintain the buildings was spent on something else instead of protecting a several million dollar investment which is just as important as giving the children the best education we can."

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DIANE ZINK

Diane Zink Seeks School Committee Post

Diane S. Zink, candidate for the two-year post open on the Southwick School Committee, says, "When deciding to seek the two-year post of the School Committee, my first concern is not budget, building conditions, or politics, but children. As a School Committee member, my priority concern is the best policy for the majority of the students of Southwick."

Mrs. Zink continues, "In this era for fiscal austerity, the School Committee is being mandated to get the most from each dollar. A balance must be maintained at all levels of education. No one level or extracurricular area can be sacrificed at the expense of another. The primary grades must be allowed to build a solid foundation for future education. The intermediate level must allow exploration in academic and extracurricular areas. And finally, the secondary level must foster growth for the student who will continue or terminate their education."

She goes on, "I feel that I have a unique understanding of the demands in the Southwick school system because of my past employment with the school department. Since then I have had an opportunity to become well-acquainted with school administration and special education laws. I have lived in Southwick for twelve years and presently have two children in the school system so I continue to have a vital interest in the education process."

Mrs. Zink concludes, "Finally, I feel that the School Committee members need to encourage as much parent and voter involvement as possible. As we have seen with such groups as BOSS and band parents, they can make a difference. I would encourage voter feedback to the School Committee and administration on the preparation of the budget and other decisions. With the voter involvement and commitment, quality education could be assured."

"If you agree with these statements, I would appreciate your support on April 13th. Vote Diane S. Zink for the two-year term on the School Committee."

Rabies Clinic Set April 17th

The rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, April 17th from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Southwick fire station. The fee will be \$5 and will benefit the ambulance fund. Licenses will also be available at that time.



PRISCILLA DEVENO

Priscilla Deveno Seeks Re-Election To S.C.

Mrs. Priscilla J. Deveno of 299 College Highway, a candidate for re-election to the Southwick School Committee, states, "Providing an equitable meaningful education for our students and controlling the educational cost without creating a further undue financial burden on the Southwick taxpayers are two reasons for again seeking the post of the School Committee."

She says, "Our school system is enduring a massive fiscal ordeal with the implementation of Proposition 2½. Supposedly the passage of this legislation was to cut the fat from state government, but the result is that Chapter 480 or Proposition 2½ is gutting an excellent school system."

She continues, "Regardless of fiscal constraints, several issues deserve serious consideration. It is imperative that class size in kindergarten through grade three remain under twenty-five in order that both the slow achiever, who needs additional help, and the gifted child, who needs additional enrichment, can be academically successful."

She adds, "Diversity of programs and adequate staff must be maintained at the high school to avoid jeopardizing the accreditation process which will be completed in 1984."

"The industrial arts department should be expanded to assure further vocational and occupational skills for students who will terminate their education at the high school level. Southwick is most fortunate in having one of the best industrial arts departments in the commonwealth. With the staff's ability and motivation, not only would our graduates benefit in the job market, but industry would also."

Mrs. Deveno declares, "The need for a bond issue is self-evident. The issue has already been discussed, aired, and televised these past several months. Earlier this year, the School Committee requested the Finance Committee to recommend floating a bond issue to provide money to repair or to replace the roofs on the high school, middle and elementary schools."

"Energy recommendations made by an extensive energy audit should also be completed in conjunction with the roofing construction or repair. If this bond issue is approved by the voters, a consultant committee comprised of persons who have expertise in the

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James Franklin Runs For Planning Board

James E. Franklin of 180 Granville Road has announced his candidacy for re-election to the Southwick Planning Board, of which he has been chairman for the past two years.

A registered land surveyor, Franklin is a nationally certified senior engineering technician. He is a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Engineering Association, the Construction Specification Institute, and the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping. In addition, he holds an associate's degree in highway engineering.

Franklin is a native of Granby, Connecticut, and moved to Southwick in 1969 after being discharged from the Army, where he served three years, one of which was in Vietnam.

"The lack of a fulltime town engineer to review proposed developments necessitates at least one member of the Planning Board being familiar with civil engineering. I have worked for private engineering/surveying firms and municipalities for a total of twelve years," Franklin says. "I've been assistant town engineer for the Town of Wilbraham for the past two years. Prior to that, I spent seven years working for the Town of Simsbury in the Engineering Department. This gives me a solid background of information that enables me to do a good job for the people of Southwick."

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roofing field, energy field, structural engineering field and the architectural field will be appointed by the School Committee to study the needs of the three buildings and to make recommendations to effectively correct the roof and energy crises of the school plants."

She goes on, "It is imperative in fiscal year 1982-1983 that the school system receive its fair share of local and additional state monies. Of \$318,000 additional state monies, the school received 7.87% or \$25,000 of this amount with the general government receiving 92% or approximately \$197,000."

Mrs. Deveno continues, "I sincerely urge you to give further input by attending School Committee meetings or call members of the School Committee at any time to make your opinions and constructive criticism known. Remember that a quality education has been, is, and must continue to be our children's rightful heritage."

"Because of the severe limitations of Proposition 2½, future crucial decisions will be necessitated and the need for continuity of experienced committee persons serving on the Southwick School Committee is more important than ever before."

"Please vote on April 13th. You, the voters, must make vital decisions. Are you going to warehouse Southwick's children or are you going to educate them?"

"I will much appreciate your support at the polls."

Mrs. Deveno, a resident and farm owner for thirty-nine years, is a graduate of Aroostook State College and Westfield State College and has been active in civic, agricultural, and educational activities. She has served as secretary of the Southwick Bicentennial Commission, a 4-H leader for eighteen years, youth chairman of the New England Quarter Horse Association, president of the Southwick Parent-Teachers Association and is currently a member of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Conference Committee.

She is the wife of Neil Deveno, who has been a farmer and livestock broker for over forty years. They have two sons: David, owner of Bay State Log Homes, Inc. and Deveno Livestock Transport, Inc., and John president of Valley Brook Stables, Inc.

Youens Removed From Committees

In an effort to maintain the effectiveness and dignity of the School Committee, member Priscilla Deveno has issued the following statement: "As chairperson of the Southwick School Committee, it is my prerogative to appoint members to, or remove members from sub-committee assignments. In order that the Southwick School Committee can continue to function in a normal and effective manner, without influence from outside events, as of April 7, 1982, I am removing Mr. Jeffrey Youens from all sub-committee responsibilities."

Youens, a six-year veteran of the School Committee, was arraigned March 30 in Hampden County Superior Court on 20 morals charges. The case has been continued for further pre-trial conferences until early May, according to Assistant District Attorney William Teahan.

As a member of the School Committee, Youens was on the finance sub-committee and was a delegate to School Union 39. He represented Southwick on the Board of Governors of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative.

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Rogers goes on, "They've been trying to blame the poor financial planning and building maintenance on Proposition 2½, but, in essence, they no longer have autonomy or what is commonly known as a blank check. We are finally going to have to run our schools like a business and account for the dollars we're spending to the people of Southwick."

Rogers declares, "I feel that I'm qualified to execute the decisions that have to be made in this position. I've been in sales and marketing for ten years and am currently employed as a district manager for an insurance company, setting up programs for lending and financial institutions. I'm also president of the new Rotary Club being chartered in May. I also volunteered to umpire games and be assistant coach in soccer for the Rec. Center last year. I am also a taxpayer and have a child in the school system in a town that has grown on us."

He says, "I am asking for your support April 13th to give me the opportunity to guide our school system in running more efficiently."

Rogers continues, "Before I close, I would like to inform the public that I didn't get my nomination papers in on time so I will be running a sticker campaign. The stickers will be handed out election day in the parking lot. The law states that a sticker candidate must be 150 feet from the door, so please stop and pick up your sticker and cast your vote for Jeffrey Rogers, 2-year School Committee position."

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Waterman Discusses Library Budget

By Connie Davis

Suffield: First Selectman Earl Waterman reported to Finance Board members that he had met with Eugene Biggio, librarian at Kent Memorial Library, to discuss Library Commission budget recommendations.

Waterman said that, after extensive research, proposals to cut a custodial position and 260 hours of sick and vacation time will be reversed. These items will be restored to the budget.

Elizabeth Mavis, chairman of the budget sub-committee for the Board of Education, completed her explanation of the \$5.5 million budget to Finance Board members.

According to Finance Chairman Patricia Smith, next week's agenda calls for review of the revenue side of the budget and the treasurer's budget.

V.F.W. Post To Honor James W. Phelps

Southwick: The Ransford W. Kellogg Post 872, V.F.W., will honor former selectman James W. Phelps on April 24th at the installation of Post and Auxiliary officers at their post home on Point Grove Road beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The post will present Phelps with the V.F.W. citizens award for over thirty years of public service for the Town of Southwick.

Phelps was born in Southwick and has lived there ever since. He was elected to the office of selectman in 1941 and voluntarily retired in 1950. He was appointed to the Board of Appeals in 1950, the year of the first board of that type in Southwick, and served until 1955.

Phelps was later elected to an unexpired term of selectman and served until 1960. From 1950-1955 he was on the Finance Committee and again from 1960-1970.

He served on the Study Committee for D.P.W. in 1981 and also on the Task Force for the Southwick School System.

The V.F.W. Citizenship Award is not given annually. In the post's 31-year history, this will be only the sixth time it has been awarded.

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"BIG BIRD" MADE A GUEST appearance at the Suffield Women's Club's 4th annual Collectibles and Miniatures Show and Sale last weekend. Here, "he" helps Jana Mariano of 155 Pleasant View Drive in Suffield and Kristin & Jeremy Harford of Manchester make thumbbody prints while their parents viewed the show. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Polish Easter Supper Planned

Suffield: The Rosary Guild of St. Joseph's Church will serve a traditional Polish Easter supper in the parish hall on Saturday, April 17th. A social hour will begin at 5:30, and supper will be at 6:30.

This event is open to the public. Reservations may

be made by calling Joan Christian at 623-6417 or Millie Chmielewski at 668-2724.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under twelve. They are also available from all guild members.

Suffield Calendar Of Events

(Sponsored By The Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Apr. 12: Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Emergency Aid board mtg, 1 p.m., Clinic Bldg.; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8 p.m., Sacred Heart hall.

Tues., Apr. 13: Rotary, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Boy Scouts 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's hall; Housing Authority, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Library Board of Trustees, 7:30, library; Water Pollution Control Authority, 7:30, Town Hall

Wed., Apr. 14: Thrift Shop open 10-3:30; Library rare bird show, 2:30, for grades 1-5; Police Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Rosary Guild, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall; SHS Booster Club, 7:30, SHS cafeteria; Suffield Grange, Thompsonville Rd. Firehouse

Thurs., Apr. 15: Medicare Assistance Program, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Enfield Savings & Loan, Suff. Village, Call 668-2572; Holy Name bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall

Fri., Apr. 16: Chicken dinner for Cancer Soc., 2nd Baptist Church, 5:30-6:30. Call 668-7654

Sun., Apr. 18: Library open, 1-4:30 p.m.

Suffield Women Win District Honors

Several members of the Suffield Women's Club who recently attended the District Arts and Crafts Show of the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs took nineteen first-prize honors. These winners will go on to state competition slated for May 6th at the Yale Motor Inn in Wallingford.

Winners are as follows: Original art (oil painting), Bernice Shaw; Miniatures (pottery shed), Phyllis Stafford; Fashion Sewing (3-piece suit), Myrth Thompson; (4-piece outfit) Norene Moore; Crocheting (sweater), Myrth Thompson

Also, Holiday Decorations (theorem fruit wreath), Mim Brockett; (Easter basket/chicken & eggs), Ann Harvey; Toile and Decorative Painting (bronze tray) Mim Brockett; (hand-painted craft) Ann Harvey; (hand-decorated mirror) Ann Harvey; (theorem painting), Priscilla Wabrek; (quail plate) Florence Cebula

Also, Jewelry (silver pendant and a macrame & bead necklace) and Woodwork (mirror) Nancy Mariano; Sewing (quilt) Ethel Nelsen; (dressed doll and girl's dress) Nancy Mariano; Needlework (cross stitch) Myrth Thompson.

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The Suffield Women's Club was also presented first prize in district competition for their Community Improvement Project scrapbook report on the club's Hatheway Barn Fund-raising Project. The CIP project is sponsored by Sears.

PSI Celebrate Secretaries Day

The Greater Enfield Chapter of Professional Secretaries International cordially invites all secretaries and their executives to attend a banquet on April 21st at the Colosseum Banquet House, 943 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. Cocktails will be at 5:30 and either prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$17 per person.

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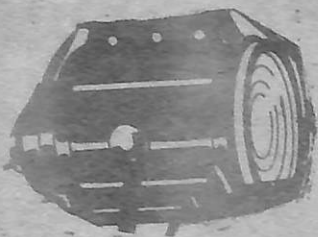
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Southwick Senior Citizens' Menu

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Tues., Apr. 13: Turkey ala king, peas, tomato juice, canned pears, milk
Wed., Apr. 14: Pork cutlet, scalloped potato, spinach, canned plums, milk
Thurs., Apr. 15: Chicken cacciatore, buttered noodles, tossed salad, banana, milk
Fri., Apr. 16: Tuna & noodle bake, broccoli, pineapple juice, chocolate chip cookies

The foot doctor will conduct a clinic on Friday, April 16th, at 1 p.m., and the monthly birthday party will take place on Tuesday, April 20th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Watch for the date of open house in May.

SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

There will be a blood pressure clinic at the Emergency Aid Association building on Tuesday, April 13th, at 1:30 p.m.

A soup kitchen will be held at Maple Court Hall on Wednesday, April 14th. Call the Suffield Rec. Department to make reservations (668-0238).

Stroke Club is being formed in North Central Connecticut for the support, education and social outlet for stroke persons and their families. Interested persons are asked to call Bill Lee at 745-1603, ext. 39 or Denise Dimello at 623-9846 for more information.

A trip to Little Stone House restaurant in Guilford is being planned. For more information, call the Suffield Rec. Department at 668-0238.

A six-week exercise program to trim down and tone up is continuing at Spaulding School. Call 668-0238 to register.

Energy assistance is still available to those who feel they are in need. Residents who have been accepted should contact Mrs. Elizabeth McQuire at Suffield Town Hall (668-7397) if they have any questions or problems.

Southwick Grange Sets April 13 Meeting

The next regular meeting of Southwick Grange will be Tuesday, April 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Frederick Hepburn, master, will preside at the regular business meeting.

First and Second Degrees will be conferred on 12 new members. The First Degree will be put on by the regular officers and the Second Degree by a special degree team, with Reynold Sefton serving as master.

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Volunteers in Suffield work individually or in groups at Maple and Laurel Courts where they help prepare and serve Wednesday lunches for seniors. Many also knit for local elderly citizens in nursing homes.

Several seniors help with the Meals on Wheels program or are active at Asnuntuck Community College Library. They also serve on the advisory board for seniors, at schools in town, and in North Street School Class for Profoundly Retarded.

The volunteer positions vary as much as the abilities and interests of the people involved. All enjoy providing needed services in their community while at the same time making their own lives more meaningful by sharing their experiences, knowledge, and talents with others.

To ease the burden of volunteering somewhat, RSVP reimburses mileage cost and meals while individuals are providing services. They also offer an accident liability insurance to cover them on assignment at no cost.

The organization is currently seeking new volunteers, no matter what life experiences they may have. For more information on the group, please contact Rosalie Brennan, the local field coordinator, in Suffield at 749-6631.

Bridge Street Pupils Make Easter Chicks



KIMBERLY BURRIS of Fourth Street and Bryan Zolad of Susan Drive, both first graders at Bridge Street School, learn how to make pom-pom Easter chicks under the direction of Sherry Siebert, assistant children's librarian at the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield last Saturday morning. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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BLUE BOY CANDLE SHOP owner and operator **Vi Paquette** looks over one of her fine displays at the shop, located on College Highway (Route 202) in Southwick. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

Creative Candles At Blue Boy Shop

By Cheryl Bruno

Enter a shimmering, glimmering, glowing fantasyland as you step through the doors of the Blue Boy Candle Shop. The shop, owned by Viola Paquette, is located on College Highway in Southwick, nestled in front of rolling green hills in a very picturesque country setting.

Vi will take you on a trip through wonderland via her creative candle designs. As you enter the shop, take notice of Vi's prize-winning wedding cake candle, a true masterpiece which won her a ribbon at the International Guild of Candle Artisans convention in Salem, Massachusetts.

All of the designs are hand-painted right on the premises, and each candle is of the long-burning type. Fifteen different types of wicks, four grades and three types of wax are used in this candle-making process. If there are any do-it-yourselfers around, Vi is right there to sell the supplies and lend a hand.

The newest item in the shop and one of the best sellers is Vi's music box candle. You can choose your tune and have it made up for any occasion. Your photo or that of a loved one can also be placed on these candles. Vi even electrifies some of these candles so that they can be used two ways: as a traditional candle or as a night light.

Graduation time is near, and at the Blue Boy Candle Shop, you'll find candles which can be made up in school colors with the name and date of graduation incorporated into them.

The Paquettes settled in Southwick in 1946 and started the Blue Boy Farm. Vi and her husband raised hogs in the beginning and eventually turned the acreage into a strawberry field. People from surrounding areas came to the farm to pick their own strawberries. The fragrance of fresh berries has long since faded, but can still be found in the elegant wax creations in the candle shop.

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It all began one day in 1970 in her own kitchen. Vi had artistic talent and, as she puts it, "a lot of guts." Through much experimentation and trial and error, a new business was created and the Blue Boy Farm became the Blue Boy Candle Shop.

In July, 1979, a fire caused by a gas leak destroyed the shop and home of Viola Paquette, only six months after she had become a widow. There she found herself with husband, home, and business gone, facing a bleak future.

Being an individual who doesn't give up very easily, Vi picked herself up and rebuilt her home and shop. Her husband had created many unique molds which were lost in the fire. One of Vi's favorites was salvaged, though - the little blue boy with his candlestick.

Thirty years ago, the Paquettes acquired their large blue boy statue which stands in front of the shop. He still stands as a landmark for fine candles. Nine and a half years ago, they also obtained another "blue boy." Many friends and customers may remember being greeted at the shop door by "Blue," a beautiful, friendly Great Dane, one of the blue line of that species. Last April, Vi lost Blue to age and illness.

Aside from serving many of this area's satisfied customers, Vi recently made up 300 cupcake candles as placecards for a large party given by Connecticut General Insurance Company. Some of Blue Boy's candles can also be seen on television on the altar in the Passionist Monastery's broadcasts of Sunday mass. St. Michael's Cathedral also had its altar adorned by fifteen-inch tall pink and purple Advent candles, a specialty of the shop.

If you need a unique and beautiful gift, if you want to pamper yourself or your spouse, if you are arranging a special party or buffet, or if you just want to set an eye-catching table, look just beyond the doors of the Blue Boy Candle Shop on College Highway in Southwick. While you're there, you might just make a new friend, a warm and personable woman, Viola Paquette.



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By Judith Kaplan

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Suffield Area Women Invited To Potluck Supper

Women of Suffield area churches will be guests at the Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main Street, for a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 20th, at 6:30 p.m. The host church will provide casseroles and others will be requested to bring salad or dessert.

Program for the evening will consist of the Covenant Players, a nationally known group of dramatic players who will perform skits.

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Weather predicting is hard especially in the spring - especially in New England. But as long as people have cared about the weather, they've been trying to predict it. Weather sayings abound in culture. Who doesn't know that "April showers bring May flowers"?

There are many more "old wives tales" that are fairly fine weather predictors. Most people are familiar with the rule about colorful sunsets: "Red at night, sailor's delight"; "Red in the morning, sailor take warning."

This same rule was used in biblical times, though in different words. Matthew 16: 2-3 says, "When it is evening, ye say it will be fair weather for the sky is red. And in the morning it will be foul weather today for the sky is red and lowering." That forecast has stood the test of time!

But back to April showers. "A sun shower won't last an hour," or so the saying goes. "Short notice, soon past - long notice, long last" is another one easily remembered. It doesn't take a meteorologist to tell you that rain comes from clouds. Folk science has always noted the tie between cloud types and the weather they foretell.

"When clouds appear like rocks and towers, the earth's refreshed by frequent showers" refers to cumulonimbus, the ugly, huge storm clouds. Cumulus, the cotton-ball clouds, often lead in a storm front, so farmers would say, "Woolly sheep in a dappled sky will bring you raindrops, by and by."

Patches of high cumulus covering the sky looked to fishermen like fish scales, hence, "Mackerel sky, mackerel sky, not long wet, not long dry."

Folk science can be as accurate as today's sophisticated meteorological sciences. Franklin first noted that weather in the U.S. passes slowly from west to East. He compared reports contained in personal letters to him from friends living in the west of the colonies to weather recorded in his diaries.

Today weather fronts are mapped by instantaneous computer communication from stations all across the country, but the principle is the same.

Keep a few of these old wife's tales in mind as spring progresses, and see if you can't be just as accurate in your predictions as the professional weather forecasters.

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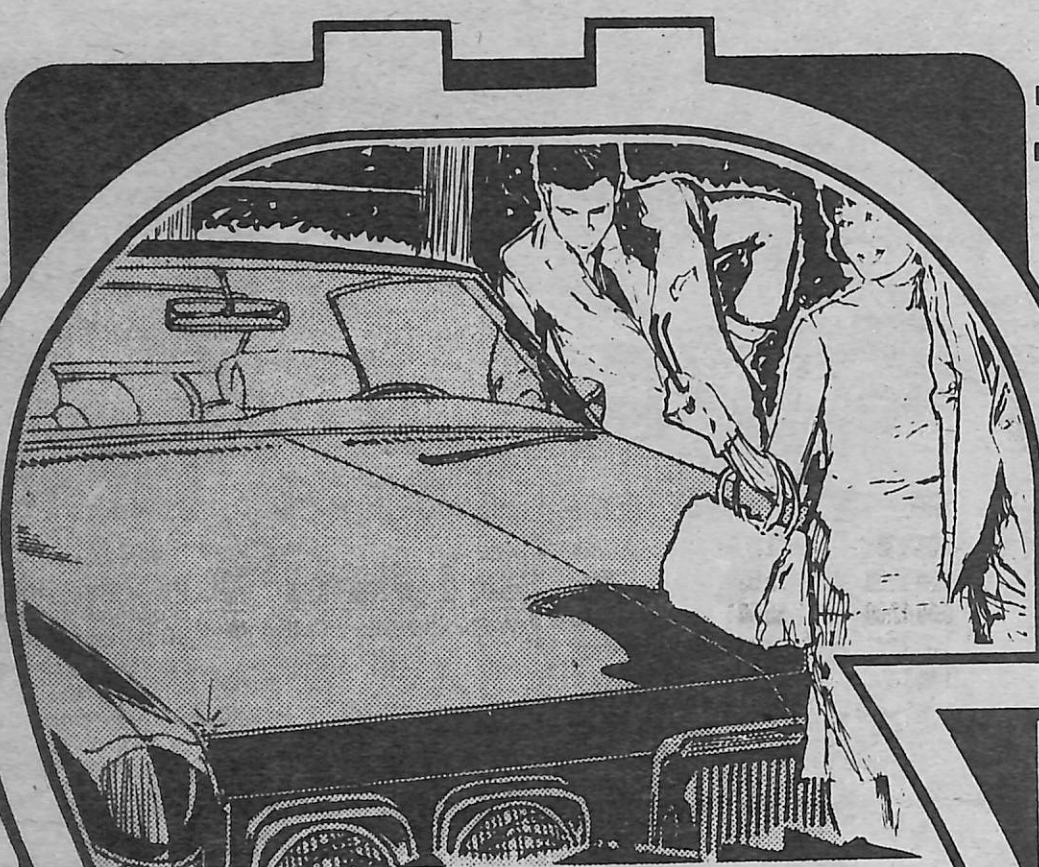
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- *3) Consciously regulate your breathing. Hold your breath intermittently to reduce the amount of smoke inhaled.
- *4) If the smoke blinds you, feel your way along a wall until you reach your exit. Protect yourself from injury by using your hand as a probe in front of you.
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FIREFIGHTER JOHN GOLEC (second from left) and his three firefighting sons. From left, Edward, proud father John, John Jr., and Thomas. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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Golec Family Is Protecting YOU!

By Connie Davis

John Golec was among those honored recently for long service to the Suffield Fire Department (SFD). Residing with his family on Boston Neck Road, Golec came to Suffield thirty years ago, and has been with the SFD for 26 of those years.

Presently, he works at Combustion Engineering in Windsor, in the graphics design department.

During an eight-year stint in the Navy, part of his duties were as a fireman at a naval air station, in a "crash crew."

Golec is married to the former Mary Ann Kapurnik, whose father, the late Thomas Kapurnik was Deputy Fire Chief of SFD for many years, and a member of the department from 1920 until 1970. Kapurnik was born and raised in Suffield and lived in town his entire life.

The Golecs have three sons. John Jr., graduated from Suffield High School in 1976. He works in Windsor Locks and resides with his wife Doreen, on Thompsonville Road. A second son, Thomas, a graduate of SHS in 1977, works in trucking for the Action Air Free Company. He and his wife Teri, live on Suffield Street. Both John and Thomas are firemen with the SFD.

A third son, Edward, is a sophomore at SHS, and presently a cadet in the Fire Cadet Program, begun by retired chief Ray Potter, about ten years ago. Cadets may join the program at age 14, attend drills and learn fire-fighting techniques. At age 18, many cadets apply to become firemen.

The two daughters in the family are Mary Ann who is married and lives in Buffalo, N.Y., and Ann Elizabeth, a junior at SHS.

The 65-man SFD drills every Monday night. Golec explained that Suffield has four fire companies: the

main station on Mountain Road, and others in West Suffield, Congamond and East Street locations. Each company has a captain for the station, as well as a lieutenant for every apparatus or trunk.

Golec recalled the biggest fire in his experience as the one which occurred after midnight on July 4, 1975, directly across from the main fire department. The fire, of suspicious origin, destroyed Lessard Lumber Company and threatened nearby buildings. Fire trucks from Windsor Locks, Poquonock, and East Granby joined the SFD in battling the blaze.

To secure funds to keep the SFD operating efficiently, Golec said the major fundraiser is the Firemen's Carnival, held every July. An eagerly awaited event, the carnival draws large crowds as fire companies from miles around march in a parade and join in the festivities. Small youngsters coax the drivers of the fire trucks to blow the sirens, "just one more time," not a very difficult task. It's hard to tell who enjoys themselves more, the crowd or the firemen.

When asked why firemen volunteer for the difficult and dangerous work of fighting fires (at odd hours, no less), one of the Golec sons responded, "To help people out!" Mr. Golec added, "You have to like it." Along with dedication to individual fire departments, the conviviality of firemen from all departments is much in evidence at the annual Firemen's Carnival. Golec described volunteer fire departments as the biggest fraternal organization in the United States.

As he arrived for the regular Monday night drill, along with his sons, John Golec seemed very much "at the ready" for another 25 years with the Suffield Fire Department.

Players' Production Set

The spring production of "The Glass Menagerie" by the Suffield Players will be something special. Tennessee Williams' classic of the American theatre is a "memory play," suitable to being presented with considerable freedom from convention. The delicate and tenuous material will be conveyed in the production with some very innovative and imaginative uses of light and music.

The play, which has been in rehearsal since late January, will feature 1981 CTA award winner (for best actress) Betty Williams as Amanda Wingfield. Her son Tom will be played by Lyle Pearsons, soon to be seen performing on the Channel 57 auction.

The part of Laura Wingfield will be played by newcomer Mary Jo Dankert and that of the Gentleman Caller by Konrad Rogowski, last seen in the smash Players production of "The Second Coming."

In honor of the 50th production, the Players are allowing every 50th person to arrive for the play during the course of its run in free of charge.

The play is being directed by CTA award winner Waldo Goodermote of East Longmeadow.

"The Glass Menagerie" will open on April 23 and run for three consecutive Fridays and Saturdays (April 24, 30, May 1, May 7, 8) with a special Thursday performance on May 6. Doors open at 7 p.m., curtain time is 8 p.m. Plays are held at the historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

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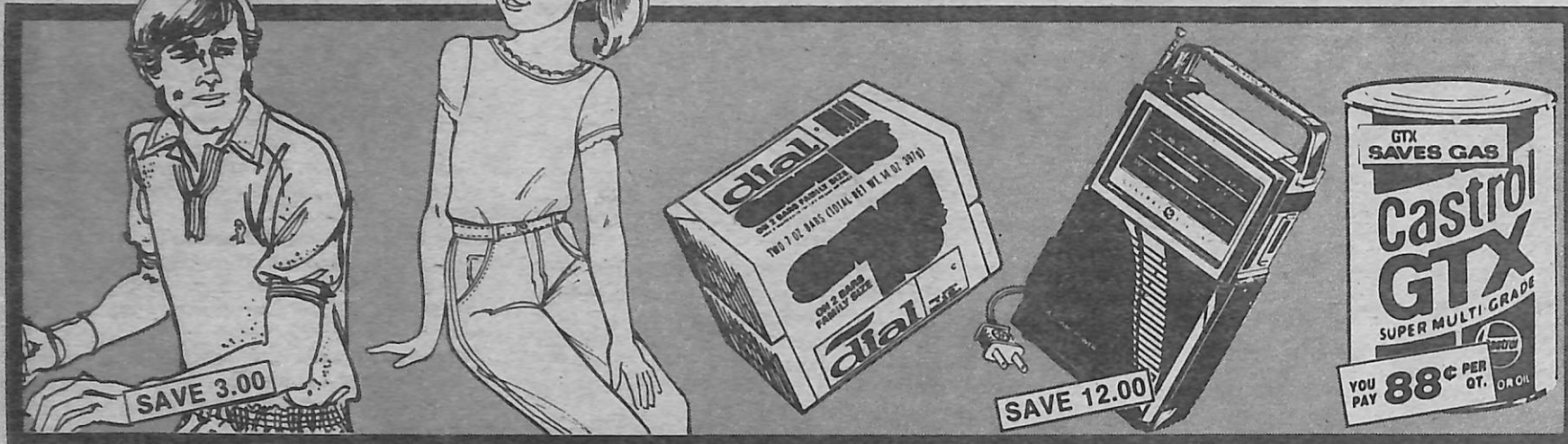
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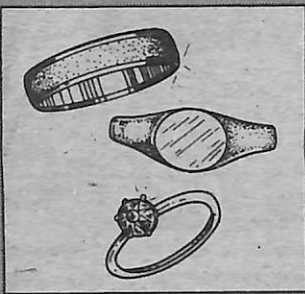
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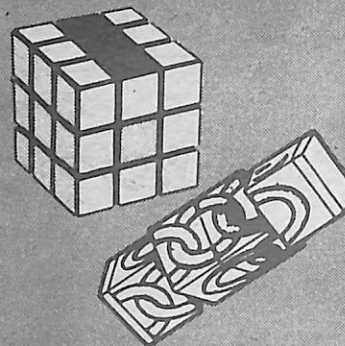
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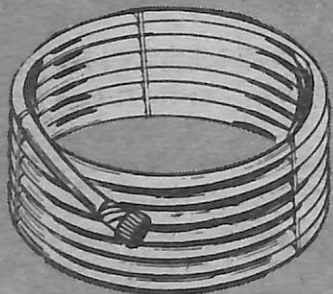
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SCHOOL NEWS



SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RICHARD MCCARTY & AMANDA HASTINGS enjoy a light moment during the "Music Man," this year's annual school musical. Richard played con artist Harold Hill while Amanda portrayed town librarian Marian. The two fell in love despite Hill's attempt to sting the townspeople.

SHS's "Music Man" Heartwarmer

By Connie Davis

The "Music Man," a musical comedy about life in a small Iowa city in 1912, was performed at Suffield High School April 2 and 3.

Author Meredith Willson, who grew up in Mason City, Iowa, once recalled, "I didn't have to make up anything for Music Man. All I had to do was remember."

Willson, flutist with John Phillip Sousa's band for three years, wrote the musical play, recreating a small town America just before the outbreak of World War I.

Professor Harold Hill (senior Richard McCarty), a fast-talking salesman, arrives in River City. A classic con-man, he plans to organize a town band, sell the townsfolk uniforms and instruments, and then ship-out, leaving the kids equipped but untrained.

Two problems face the con-man in River City; convincing the town it needs a brass band and distracting the librarian, "stuck-up" Marian Paroo. The first problem he attacks by whipping people into a frenzy about the dangers of a new pool hall. How will they keep the kids "moral after school?" The answer, says Harold Hill, "is a brass band."

Marian (Amanda Hastings) is another kind of problem. Living with her widowed mother (Justine Serino) and shy, lisping brother (David Hutchinson), she tends the library and gives music lessons.

Hill charms townsfolk with praise and explains his modus operandi. Miss Paroo remains suspicious and through research discovers the "professor" doesn't have a music degree.

Suddenly the Wells Fargo wagon arrives, with the town's new band instruments.

The Mayor (John Cervione), owner of the pool hall, wants to expose Hill as a fraud. His daughter Zaneeta (Chelen Edwards) has taken up with Tommy Dijlas (Mark Sullivan), the town's problem boy. Mayor Shinn sends the school board after Hill, but they are always

easily sidetracked into singing barbershop tunes rather than getting their man.

Marian begins to fall in love with Hill and protects him. He has been a friend to Winthrop and appears as her "white knight." When a travelling salesman (Peter Purrington) comes to town to expose Hill, Marian diverts him.

The fun continues when Marian reveals to Hill that she knows he's a fake but because he has fallen in love with Marian, the con-man decides to try one more con; to actually teach the children.

The 16th annual musical presented by SHS students, the 1982 production of "Music Man" seems especially enjoyable.

The pit orchestra, enhanced by Mrs. Jodie Akely's piano accompaniment, provided rich, melodic sound. Thirty-three members of the seventh grade band gave "76 Trombones" real verve, complete with red stripes and boater hats.

Behind the scenes, a production staff of over 30 students added professionalism to the play. Scenes with dancers and townspeople, choreographed by Audra Philippon and Marie Thresher, were lively and original.

The on-stage humor and light-hearted nature of the production was the feature attraction. Casting was done very cleverly; Richard McCarty's "patter" as Harold Hill rang true and Amanda Hastings' every note let us know of her growing devotion to the "Music Man." Her voice was beautiful.

After the final curtain Saturday night, a rousing standing ovation was given to the cast, crew and music teacher Frank Pasocha, Jr. The final moments truly belonged to Pasocha, whose talent for inspiring students to give their best is legendary. For Suffield High, he is the true "Music Man" par excellence!

Suffield School Lunch Menus

Mon., Apr. 12: Hamburger in roll, potato triangles, cheese stick, pears and apricots, milk

Tues., Apr. 13: Fruit punch, ham pattie on roll, kernal corn, coconut cream pudding, milk

Wed., Apr. 14: Oven-fried chicken, cheese potatoes, orange sections, milk

Thurs., Apr. 15: High School: meatball grinder, green salad, fresh pineapple wedges, milk; McAlister & Elementary: Salad bar

Fri., Apr. 16: Lasagna, hot French bread, green beans, fruit cup, milk

Library Program On Rare Birds

Suffield: Kent Memorial Library is pleased to present Richard Lucius and his rare birds on Wednesday, April 14th, at 2:30 p.m.

Lucius will bring a red-tailed hawk, prairie falcon, great horned owl, and a golden eagle.

Children in grades one through five are invited to attend on this early school release day. Pre-registration is not necessary.

HCC To Sponsor College Night

The second annual college information night sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education at Holyoke Community College will be held on Tuesday, April 13th, from 5:30 to 8:30 in the HCC Campus Center.

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SUFFIELD HIGH Principal David Johnson receives a plaque with his picture mounted on it from Student Association President John Cervione. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Dr. Johnson Given Birthday Surprise

By Connie Davis

April 2 is a day Dr. David Johnson, Suffield High School principal, will remember for a long time. It started out as a normal Friday, with his commute from New Britain. But from the moment he entered his office, draped with balloons, streamers and signs, it was a most unusual day.

Actually, the planning began several days before. Stanley Lachtara, head custodian at SHS (fondly known as 'Stash'), discovered the coming of Dr. Johnson's birthday and he started the ball rolling.

Audra Philippon, Student Council member, was named chairperson for the event. Mrs. Alice Welch, director of Food Services, decided to have the cafeteria staff make and decorate several birthday cakes. Mr. Soma donated 240 ice cream cups, courtesy of Hood Ice Cream Company!

Two Vocational-Agriculture students, Debbie Brown

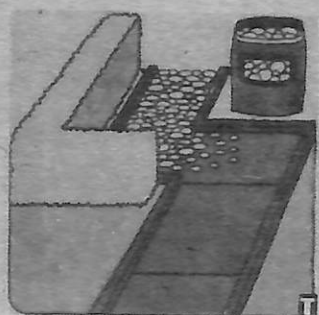
and Laurie Bennett, created a beautiful floral arrangement for Dr. Johnson.

As he entered the cafeteria at noon, half the student body joined in while several band members, conducted by Peter Purrington, played "Happy Birthday." Large colorful letters on the cafeteria wall spelled out "Happy Birthday Dr. Johnson."

The party seemed to be a real surprise for Dr. Johnson. With Audra's help, he cut the cake and students enjoyed sharing it with him.

John Cervione, president of the Student Association, presented Dr. Johnson with a wooden plaque, made in shop class. A yearbook picture of Dr. Johnson will be mounted on the plaque.

Because the school play, "Music Man" opened that evening, it was a busy day at SHS. But students and staff alike seemed pleased to take some time and help Dr. Johnson celebrate his birthday.



An ingenious way to design a weed-free garden path or other landscaped area with pebbles or wood chips is to convert some heavy-weight trash bags such as "Glad" to plastic sheets and lay them in place before putting down the pebbles or chips.



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By
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SUFFIELD HIGH

Most members of the Class of '83 and '84 have now been scheduled for the next school year. Those considering furthering their education after high school have been encouraged to begin checking possibilities now and not to wait until the last minute.

Throughout the year, we have available visiting colleges, training school and armed services representatives who make themselves available to high school students at any grade level to discuss opportunities in their particular programs. We strongly encourage ALL students to take advantage of these opportunities.

Students who would like to meet and discuss such a program need only sign up in Guidance and receive a pass to come to the Guidance Office at 11 a.m. on that day, after first clearing it with their classroom teacher at that time.

This is an especially appropriate time for next year's seniors to begin their search. Students who have clearly decided against continuing their education yet would like some help in their job search should make arrangements to talk with Mr. Gregor, our Work Experience Coordinator and golf course who's looking for a state championship!

Those as yet unclear about their future are encouraged to meet with their counselor and explore options. For example, an occupation interest inventory might help in the search!

Congratulations go to our most recent list of college acceptances: Chris Matrick, Hartwick, Lyndon State; Cheryl Lumbruno, UConn; Lori Armata, Bentley; Mike Belliveau, Easter; Tina Blickarz, STCC; John Bertolini, UConn; Leigh Dudek, UConn; Callie Glass, Hartt College of Music;

Also, Mary Beth Houck, Mary Washington College; Sue Graff, Bay Path; John Kulas, Bentley, UNH; Marybeth Evans, U of Vermont; James Herndon, Alfred U.; Rick McCarty, Fairfield; Duane Lagle, George Washington U.

Date To Remember: Tuesday, April 13th, 11 a.m. - Middlesex Memorial Hospital, Ona Wilcox School of Nursing.

Suffield Students Visit Carbide Plant



SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, Ann Golec (right) and Chelen Edwards enjoy a tour with Plant Manager Chet Roberts at Union Carbide Plant in Suffield. In the above photo, they are observing liquid nitrogen at -320 degrees F. Ann and Chelen were recipients of a full paid scholarship to attend the Washington Workshop seminar in Washington, D.C. May 2 - May 8th. This scholarship is a gift from Union Carbide Corporation, Linde Division Plant in Suffield, in cooperation with the Suffield Rotary Club. Ann and Chelen will be honored guests at the Rotary Club meeting on April 13th. Last year's participants, Nancy Mann and Eliza Leventis will be the featured speakers at this meeting. Ann Golec is the daughter of Marianne and John Golec of 344 Boston Neck Road, and Chelen Edwards is the daughter of Judith and Lawrence Edwards of 639 Bridge Street.

McAlister PTO To Meet April 15th

There will be a McAlister PTO Organization meeting held at the school on April 15, 1982 at 9:30 A.M. in the school cafeteria. The main topic for the meeting will deal with the formal organization of a PTO Advisory Board for the school. Interested parents are invited to attend.



Letters To The EDITOR

Band Weekend Praised

To The Editor:

This weekend [March 26-28] marked the end of our exchange program with the Southwick High School Band. It was truly an experience we will remember for many years.

While visiting Southwick several weeks ago, we were welcomed into your homes with uncommon warmth and hospitality. Certainly, the community attendance at our concert was a sign of Southwick's support of school music.

The Southwick band members represented their school and community in the highest possible fashion during their visit to the First State. They exhibited tremendous musical ability and disciplines, a tribute to the outstanding ability of their director, Mr. Ernest DeNapoli. The band's final number brought the audience to its feet for a truly deserved standing ovation.

The Southwick Band is extremely proud of their school and their community. With the type of program I've seen this spring, Southwick, Massachusetts, should certainly be very proud of their band program!

Sincerely,
David Crede
Band Director
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TOWN COOKBOOK

By Mary Ann Govoni

For Easter this year, Italian Easter pizzas and Italian rice pies are the specialty at the Govoni house. This is a family favorite and the recipes have been handed down for many generations. With the help of my daughters Andrea and Vicki, we will be cooking for a week to get everything ready for Easter Sunday.

ITALIAN EASTER PIZZA

3 Pounds ricotta cheese
1 Pound farmer cheese, crumbled
6 Ounces grated Parmesan cheese
1½ Pounds salami, cut into small cubes
14 Eggs
Salt & Pepper, to taste

Mix all of the above ingredients together in a very large bowl with wooden spoon, mix well. DO NOT USE ELECTRIC MIXER. This pizza has a crust - recipe follows.

CRUST FOR PIZZA

8 Cups Bisquick mix
2 Cups cold water
1 Cup egg whites
1 Cup egg yolks

Mix water and Bisquick until smooth, roll out on floured board and place dough in 9-inch pie plate, having dough extend over the edge of the pie plate. Brush the dough with lightly beaten egg whites and fill the crust with the cheese and salami mixture. About 2½ cups will fill each pie. Cover tops of pies with remaining crust, making lattice-work strips. Seal edges of dough together with fork. Brush top of pie with beaten egg yolks. Bake at 350° for about one hour or till golden brown.

Nothing has gone wrong if the pie filling has holes in it. It's supposed to be that way. I usually make about 7 or 8 nine-inch pies or 3 or 4 larger ones, depending on the pans used.

ITALIAN RICE PIES

1 Cup rice, not instant
½ C. sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 Tsp. almond flavor
1 Pound ricotta cheese
3 Eggs
½ Cup milk
1 Tsp. orange flavor

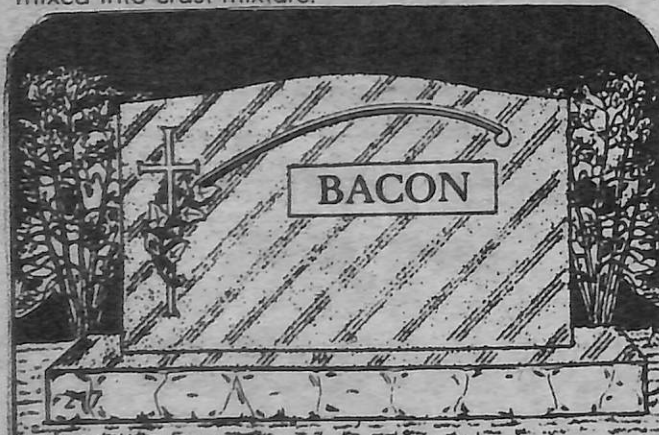
Cook rice until tender, drain and rinse under cold water. (Will make about two cups cooked rice.) Put rice and all other ingredients into a large bowl and mix well by hand. Make your favorite pie crust or use the following use if you wish.

PIE CRUST

1½ Cups all-purpose flour
½ Tsp. salt
½ Cup shortening
5 or 6 Tbsp. cold water

Sift flour and salt, cut in shortening, till pieces look like peas. Sprinkle two tablespoons of water over flour mixture and gently mix. Sprinkle rest of water and repeat mixing till smooth. Form a ball. Roll on floured board and fit into pie pan, make larger than pie pan and flute edges. Fill uncooked shells with rice mixture. Bake at least one hour at 350° or until knife in center comes out clean. Cool and then sprinkle with confectioners sugar. For two pies, double crust recipe.

NOTE: When purchasing salami, buy in large piece, not slices. Egg whites and egg yolks are NOT to be mixed into crust mixture.



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Southwick High Drama Club Prepares Spring Production

By Marsha Romah

On April 15 & 16 at 8:00 p.m. the Drama Club at Southwick High will present the musical production, "Lumberjacks & Wedding Belles." Under the direction of Mary Jane O'Donoghue, about 40 students will perform in this "Oklahoma"-type show. The show contains twelve rousing musical selections and a script to entertain any audience.

The story of "Lumberjacks and Wedding Belles" takes place in the late 1800's in the remote Washington territory. The lumberjacks send a lawyer to Boston to bring back brides for them.

Aiding in the production are Mr. Paul Giblin, head of the English department; Miss Linda Jacobs, science department; and Mr. Ernest DaNapoli, band director. Miss O'Donoghue is the food and nutrition teacher and has been in the Drama Club since September.

In the fall the club presented a play competition. The annual spring production has always been a three-act play, but this year Miss O'Donoghue decided a musical is a refreshing change.

Miss O'Donoghue has been active in the Stage Craft Club for two years, working on sets and costumes. Her student director this year is Christine Bannish. Christine is helping with props and is in charge of actors.

The students have been hard at work since January. Their music and acting will come together on Thursday and Friday to create a delightful production for all ages. Tickets are \$1.50 for students and senior citizens, and \$2 for adults. Curtain is 8 p.m.

Southwick School Lunch Menus

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Mon., Apr. 12: Chicken pattie on roll, potato rounds, chilled fruit, milk
Tues., Apr. 13: Juice, cold cut grinder, vegetable sticks, vanilla or chocolate pudding, milk
Wed., Apr. 14: American chop suey, green beans, French bread, fruited jello, milk
Thurs., Apr. 15: Oven-baked chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, bread & butter, peach shortcake, milk
Fri., Apr. 16: Pepperoni-cheese pizza, Popeye salad, chilled fruit, milk

Woodland School

Monday: Hamburger on roll, potato rounds, chilled fruit, milk
Tuesday: Chicken vegetable soup, bologna & cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, strawberry whip, milk
Wednesday: Same
Thursday: Turkey gravy on bread, buttered peas & carrots, bread & butter, apple crisp, milk
Friday: Same

Horace Smith Fund College Loans Available

Trustees of the Horace Smith Fund announced the availability of undergraduate college loans for graduates of Hampden County secondary schools.

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A View From The Inside

By Ruth C. Fahrback
CT. State Rep.
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Inefficiency and waste in government are some things which occur at every level, and the General Assembly itself is certainly not immune to them.

An example of inefficiency occurred recently when the Democratic leadership scheduled a session for 1 p.m. A legislative session is an expensive proposition, costing the taxpayers about \$5,500 in legislators' mileage, heating, electricity, and other such costs. It is to be expected, therefore, that a session be scheduled for its own sake, but to conduct important business.

But on February 27, the familiar sports phrase, "two-minute warning" took on a new meaning.

Legislators from around the state cancelled business appointments and made long trips to attend a session which lasted approximately two minutes. The chaplain of the House offered a prayer, the Clerk of the House read several bills into the calendar, and then Majority Leader John Gropo moved to adjourn.

As you can imagine, an expression of shock and surprise appeared on the faces of many legislators on both sides of the aisle. This type of thing occurred several times during the recently-completed special session of the Legislature and has caused some strong feelings among legislators who had travelled long distances to Hartford.

Many of them had taken time off from work or had cancelled important meetings in order to be at the Capitol for the session.

Because of the embarrassment felt by Democratic leaders, House Majority Leader John Grippio indicated that this would not happen again in the future and that sessions would not be called unless there was actual business on the calendar to be conducted.



From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep.
Third Hampden District

Just when it seemed that there would be a consensus of agreement with the need for state aid to cities and towns in this second year of Proposition 2½, the governor sent a message outlining his new proposal for distribution of \$106 million in fiscal 1983.

While I tend to agree somewhat with his revised amount - up from 70 million - I totally disagree with his method of distributing those dollars. Not too many votes will be counted when 200 more or less communities show up losers on the chart. If anything, those communities need all of last year's money as well as the yet-to-be-determined percentage of 2½ losses to be suffered in fiscal '83 budgets.

But - this is only the first of several distribution formulas we will consider. It is interesting that the House version maintains "save harmless" for all communities in 1983, the Better Budget tries for equity and consistency, the Senate version is still a secret.

In a four-formula race, the governor's entry will undoubtedly finish fourth.



The Florist's Touch

By Phyllis Hout
Feeding Hills Florist

Care Of Easter Flowers

Easter lilies are everywhere at this time of year, sending their message to the world by way of their fragrant, snowy-white trumpet-shaped flowers. If you're given a plant already in bloom, it will stay in blossom for a week or more if it's given bright, indirect light, cool nights in the 40's or 50's, and days no warmer than 68. Keep the soil constantly moist, and spray the tiny buds with tepid water to help them open in the day outdoor air. Some remove the orange stamens to prevent staining the white flowers.

Easter lily bulbs are seldom forced a second time, so don't try to hold them over for another year indoors. You can save them for your outdoor garden, though. First of all, make sure to remove each flower as soon as it fades so the plant has no opportunity to waste its energy setting seeds. If the weather is still cold when the last flower fades, set the plant on a sunny windowsill until the leaves mature and wither away, keeping the soil moist the entire time. This may take four to six weeks.

If, on the other hand, the outdoor night temperatures are reliably in the 40-degree range when the last flower fades, plant the lily in a sunny spot in the garden. It may rest a year and bloom the following summer, or it may send out a few flowers later the same year.

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Gardenias are flowering shrubs from Japan and China. The crucial gardenia-pleasers are sunny days and cool nights. The more sun they have, the more flowers they produce. If they have less than four hours of sun a day, they form beautiful foliage, but not a sign of a flower.

The daytime temperatures are not so important - around 70 is fine, but they'll tolerate any indoor temperature that's comfortable for people. Night temperatures are another matter. Gardenias don't set new buds if they're exposed to night temperatures over 60 to 62 degrees; even a few warm nights will ruin their chances for blooming.

Gardenias need constant moisture, both in the air and in the soil, and a monthly feeding with an acid-type fertilizer. The soil should be very acid - a PH of 5.0 or 5.5 is ideal - and well drained.

When you buy a gardenia, the soil will be properly acid, but in many sections of the country, tap water makes it alkaline. This causes a gardenia problem known as chlorosis, which shows up as pale green leaves with dark green veins. The solution is to give the plants ½ ounce of iron sulphate (available from the drugstore) in one gallon of water. Iron chelate, sold at garden stores, will serve the same purpose. Start the treatment as soon as you notice the problem, and repeat it once or twice a week for about a month.

New bought plants sometimes suffer from bud drop in reaction to the sudden loss of greenhouse humidity. You can reduce this problem by setting the plant on a humidifying tray and then spraying the buds two or three times a day with tepid water until the plant adjusts.

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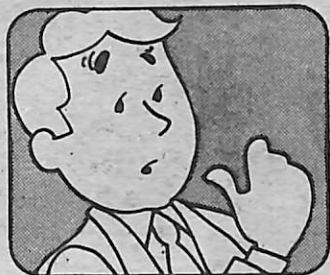
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Southwick Rec Center Hawks



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWICK REC CENTER Hawks, are, back row, from left, Mark Herbelle, Billy Richards, Phil Myers, Iaia Brutton and coach Bob Foley. Front row, Mike Vincent, Matt Thompson and Brian Olinski. Absent from photo were Kevin Zomek and Tim Hardick. Advertiser/News Photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Rec Center Sixers



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWICK REC CENTER Sixers, who recently completed their winter season are, back row, from left, Paul LaQuerre, Mark Typrowicz, Ron Cote and coach Frank Myers. Front row, Jim York, Steve Coye, David Burke and David Gullett. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



Recreation Center

By Cindy Meaney-Massai

In tournament play within the Southwick Rec Center basketball league, the Celtics took first place by defeating both the Sixers and the Hawks. The Kings recorded their second victory of the season by defeating the Sixers. The final standings for seasonal play found the Sixers and Hawks tied for first place with 6-3 records. The Celtics finished 5-4, while the Kings recorded a 1-8 season.

The seventh and eighth grade travelling basketball team did quite well in the inter-town tournament play. On Monday, March 29th, Southwick rolled over South Hadley by a score of 74-40. Southwick's Mark Typrowicz helped the victory with his 30-point contribution.

The Southwick team bowed out of the tournament on Wednesday, March 31, by losing to Holyoke, 80-59. Todd Cook and Mark Typrowicz of Southwick rallied with good scoring efforts, but it was not enough to combat the excellent shooting of the Paper City team.

Over-all in tournament play, the Southwick team recorded two wins and two losses. The Southwick coach, Frank Meyers, said the Rec Center team did a fine job and really played good basketball.

For information involving the Rec Center, please call 569-5950 or 569-5811.

On Wednesday, March 28th, Rec Center bingo attracted over 300 participants. We really appreciate the patronage and hope even more bingo enthusiasts attend our future bingos, which take place every Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m.

Over 60 women have enrolled in the Aerobic dance classes being conducted at the Rec Center. Aerobic dancing is a terrific way to lose weight and improve circulation. For more information on this, please contact the Rec Center.

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Inexperience On Mound Keys Wildcats Baseball Season

By Rick McCarty

Inexperience will be a major factor for the Suffield High varsity baseball team this season. Coach Paul Thomas has only four returnees from last year's squad. Seniors Bruce Benoit, John Bertolini and Rich McCarty and junior Greg Stagg, will lead six juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen into a tough NCCC schedule.

Up the middle the Wildcats are solid with Bertolini behind the plate, Stagg at shortstop and McCarty in centerfield. Anchoring the infield will be Benoit at third base assisted by junior Rick Landau at second base and juniors Jim Danise and Mark Burton at first base.

Backing up the infield off the bench will be junior Rich Dilko.

In the outfield, the left field spot is up for grabs between junior Jeff Bollinger and sophomore Pete Winiarski. In right field the battle is between senior Mike Scully and junior Bob Butler. Sophomore Dave Cardona will provide backup in centerfield while junior Rusty Colson is the backup catcher.

Pitching will be the key if the Wildcats are to make any loud noises in the NCCC this season. With no varsity experience, Coach Thomas looks to juniors Danise and Burton to perform along with Winiarski and two freshman, Bob Mandirola and Wayne Lancioni.

Bertolini, also the captain of the team, will also be called to the hill whenever the situation arises.



Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

It seems strange that it would take three months to come up with the final tally on the deer kill during the December 1st full week season. The division has completed its tally, and the harvest is a new record for this state at 5,014. Broken down by sex, it sets up to be 3,456 bucks and 1,558 does.

Under the division's deer management program today, the record harvest of 1981 will have virtually no impact on the deer population this year. The ratio of bucks to does in the harvest insures that the reproductive segment of the herd gets only enough pressure to keep it in check, while the bucks are thinned out. This allows the does plenty of food throughout the harsh winter months, and come spring, there are enough healthy fawns produced to more than make up for the previous year's harvest.

Many does produce twins and triplets are far from rare so hikers, campers, nature photographers and other outdoor-oriented people will have the opportunity to see plenty of deer this year. Jim McDonough, deer project leader for the division and the man solely responsible for the fine deer hunting we have in Mass. today, predicts that you will never see a year where there will be harvest of under 3,000 again.

Breaking the deer harvest down in seasons comes up this way: 8 deer were taken during the paraprolegic season; 421 during archery season; and a hefty 4,321 during the shotgun season with an additional 264 during primitive firearm season.

Stocking of the streams and lakes in Mass. is under-way and the limit on trout in most of the ponds and streams will go to six trout. April 17th.

The Agawam Bowmen is preparing for a big year and has set up archery instructions for club members and the general public on the following dates: April 13th, 20th, 27th from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. and on Saturdays, April 17th and 24th at the club grounds from 3 to 5 p.m.

If you are looking for a sport that the whole family can participate in, try archery. It is not as difficult as it seems and a lot of fun when done properly.

The annual Frank Sousa Dinner will be held Saturday, May 1st, at the St. Thomas Parish Center, Thorn-dyke. The money raised from this will be used to pay the salary of the sportsmen lobbyist in Boston. Tickets are \$20 per single and \$35 for a pair. Last year, the banquet raised 4,000.

The Agawam Bowmen Club voted to turn over the proceeds from their May 30th archery tournament to the Frank Sousa Committee. Every dollar raised is needed if we are to protect our sports of hunting and fishing in Massachusetts.



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Suffield Girls Have Strong Bats; Need Pitching Help

By Dawn Cummock

The Suffield High girls varsity softball team is looking forward to the 1982 season with their new coach, Mr. Riccio, formerly an umpire. High spirits abound as the team prepares for opening day (the recent heavy snowfall will delay the season for at least one week).

The team consists of 16 players this year with two seniors, two juniors, ten sophomores, and two freshmen. The players are, Sue Graff, Nancy Shaughnessy, Melissa Ives, Dani Small, Beth Glime, Paula Marek, Michelle Dion, Marie Waters, Shelly Smith, Kim Lumbruno, Debbie Lenke, Kim Petkovich, Kathy Kavanaugh, Amanda Hastings, Amy Leech, and Cindy Levitt.

The team is somewhat weak in pitching, but Riccio says the mound staff is improving with each additional day of practice. Up the middle, the Wildcats are strong, especially in the catching and shortstop departments. The team has some strong bats that will generate plenty of offensive punch which should help offset several weaknesses.

The Wildcats opening game was scheduled for April 13th, but due to the Tuesday, April 6 blizzard, it has been cancelled. The girls have been practicing for about three weeks and are eager to show their opponents what they've got as soon as the snow clears and they're able to get back to the diamond.



Suffield Recreation Department

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The Suffield Recreation Department will offer a course in seat weaving beginning Monday April 19th. The course runs to May 14 and will be held at Suffield High School. The course for each Monday evening from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Rec Department will hold a registration for this course on Monday, April 12th. For more information on the course, call the office at 668-0237.

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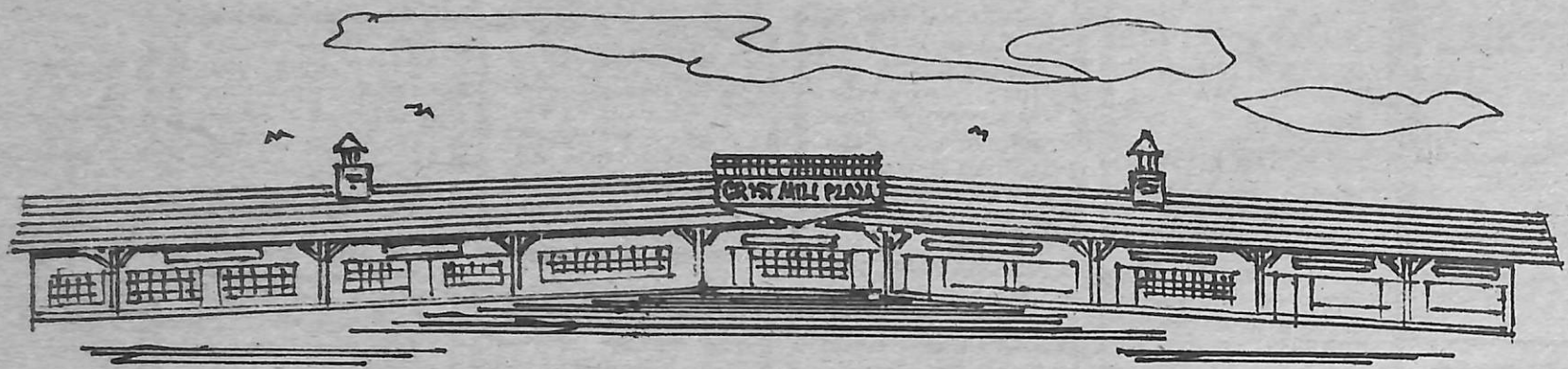
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